

CONTINUING THE POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE
FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION

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Mr. WHITE of Maine, from the committee of conference, submitted
the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany S. 2317]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (S. 2317) entitled "An act continuing for one year the powers and authority of the Federal Radio Commission under the radio act of 1927," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House numbered 1, and agree to the same.

That the House recede from its amendment numbered 2.

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House numbered 3, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Restore the matter proposed to be stricken out by the House, and in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House insert the following:

Sec. 5. The second paragraph of section 9 of the radio act of 1927 is amended to read as follows:

"It is hereby declared that the people of all the zones established by section 2 of this act are entitled to equality of radio broadcasting service, both of transmission and of reception, and in order to provide said equality the licensing authority shall as nearly as possible make and maintain an equal allocation of broadcasting licenses, of bands of frequency or wave lengths, of periods of time for operation, and of station power, to each of said zones when and in so far as there are applications therefor; and shall make a fair and equitable allocation of licenses, wave lengths, time for operation, and station power to each of the States, the District of Columbia, the Territories and possessions of the United States within each zone, according to population. The licensing

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authority shall carry into effect the equality of broadcasting service hereinbefore directed, whenever necessary or proper, by granting or refusing licenses or renewals of licenses, by changing periods of time for operation, and by increasing or decreasing station power, when applications are made for licenses or renewals of licenses: Provided, That if and when there is a lack of applications from any zone for the proportionate share of licenses, wave lengths, time of operation, or station power to which such zone is entitled, the licensing authority may issue licenses for the balance of the proportion not applied for from any zone to applicants from other zones for a temporary period of ninety days each, and shall specifically designate that said apportionment only for said temporary period. Allocations shall be charged to the State, District, Territory, or possession wherein the studio of the station is located and not where the transmitter is located."

And the House agreed to the same.

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